VALLEY FORGE AS IT IS.

THE PICTURESQUE PLACE SOON TO he was succeeded by Isaac W. Smith, BE A PUBLIC PARK.

An Auction Sale of Property Will Mark the Beginning of a New Order of Things-Of Late Years Like a Desert-

At Valley Forge the Washington Inn and a number of dwelling houses are to month. These sales close a long chapter of decline in the history of the picturesque old village, and the friends of the place hope that the new chapter to begin will be one of prosperity. They have ground for their hope in the public park that will soon be established on the historic campgrounds and in the troiley line that will run through Valley Forge.

To the lover of old and picturesque things Valley Forge appeals. There are three mills long since deserted, falling into ruins. There are rows of deserted uses. In a clump of bushes some

broken boats lie. Two or three acres make a space sufficient to hold all that, to hold also the hotel, the two gray, empty streets and the "for sale or rent" signs of this tiny village. The place is steeped in an atmosphere unimaginably calm and still, A billygoat, the beard under his chin ctuck full of burrs, loafs at the lonely corners where two streets meet, and if strangers happen along he will pursue A poet should be able to do good work here.

Nature has been very kind to Valley Forge. She shows her utmost beauty to the village. The airs that blow on this account, had to shut down.

through it are clear and pure. The sky After the closing of the factories seems bluer there than elsewhere. A noble forest rises upon one side, and on the hands who had lived there moved the other flows the schuylkill, a blue away. The little town does not expect stream, winding between green banks. And thus inclosed by sky and stream again, but since a public park is to be nad forest, the deserted mills, the de- established on its historical camp serted houses, the "to let" signs, the totel and the billygoat dream.

its fall and its expected second rise may be gathered at the hotel, which Albin Shaw keeps. Its Revolutionary history, set forth in a familiar colloquial way, may be gathered at the old Potts house, where Washington's headquarters were, and where E. R. Hampton is caretaker. Albin Shaw told all he knew of Valley Forge in the bar-room of the hotel yesterday afternoon, and Benjamin Rossiter, a veteran of the civil war, helped him out when his memory failed. Shaw darted into an inner room little while and returned with armloads of relics-old lamps, batchets, cannon-balls and pieces of wood. Be fore he was done talking the bar was piled so high with these ancient things that only the top of the young man's bead was visible behind them.

Many years ago before Valley Forge had either name or being, certain adventurous and brave men settled there, bullt houses and began to till the soil. These were the familles of the Potts, the Browns, the Stephens, the Harvards, the Matsons, the Moores, the orrises and the Wilkinsons, These families owned farms during the encampment of the Continental troops, and their descendants, very prosperous people, still own, in some cases, the same farms. Of the Stephens, the Moore's and the Harvard familles this

A Stephens, long before the Revolution, built a forge in the neighborhood. It was a power forge, and it was put up on the shore of Valley Creek, Stephens made merchant fron there and Albin Shaw had a piece of the water worm-eaten board, four or five yards long.

Albin brought the board from his yesterday and thumped It down on the bar with pride. He would not part with it, he says, at any price. A professor last summer desired to buy it ardently. The grooves can still be seen in it where the water buckets hung, and its big-headed nalls have the irregularity and roughness that give individuality and charm to all handmade things. Those nails, says Benjamin Rossiter, are better than modern ones. They would split the mean wood which modern men use. From the forge upon Valley Creek it is easy to see how the name of Valley Forge was

The rise of Valley Forge was due to the building of three mills there. A big white mill on Valley Creek, with a kind of belfry like that upon a meeting house, was built first. A brick mill, lower down the creek and nearer to river, was built next, and afterward a shoddy mill was erected over eguinet the railroad station. At the time when these three plants were running Valley Forge had over five hundred inhabitants. It has now not more than one hundred and twenty-five. There was at one time, furthermore, a gun factory there, where flint-locked rifles and horse pistols were turned out,

The brick mill was built by Nathan and Caleb Jones. They made flour in It and turned it into a paper mill. Arter some years John Pennypacker succeeded Isaiah Knauer, and he in his turn was succeeded by the American Pulp and Paper company. This company enlarged the mill and began on a huge scale and with many flourishes to Conference, 1873; 206 S. make paper by some strange process out of palm leaf. The palm-leaf paper was to have been a very wonderful and lucrative stuff, but it showed, unfortunately, upon being made, certain imperfections-little glazed spots. The American Pulp and Paper company tried earnestly to do away with the glazed epots, but it could not. Therefore they gave up the mill, which John

Hay bought. The place was run in turn then by Hay, by John Knapp & Co., and by Bauchmuller Bros., who made purchment paper. Eight years ago this last abandoned it, and it has been abandoned ever since. The wood of its doors and floors and window frames is rotting away; the window lights are all broken; weeds overgrow the yard. In the palmy days of the mill it ran day

and night, employing eighty hands, In the white mill with the belfry, woolens were made. Charles H. Rogers owned it, and Colonel Waters, who ran it first, made Kentucky jeans. James Ogden followed the military man, and he, too, made jeans, but lost money on them somehow, and falled. H.

Then Joseph Shaw, Albin Shaw's fathmys all through the war. He made a at the Hague; 3411 H. meat deal of money, and, dying in 1864, now of Bridgeport. Mr. Smith ran the mill very successfully till 1881. The rent he paid was four thousand dollars, and the landlord would not make the epairs that he desired. Therefore, he gave up the mill and built another one in Bridgeport, which, with his sons, he J7. now running. The white mill has been idle nearly twenty years. It, too, 18

has a dismal, wrecked look. The shoddy mill was built in 1868, at be sold at auction at the end of the time when shoddy first began to be used in manufacturing, by Henry Ar-thur. At the death of Arthur, John King, Senior leased the mill and made blankets and yarn there. When his lease expired Senior went out of business, and the place has now been empty for twenty-five years. The roof has fallen in, but the "to let" eign on the wall looks fresh and new

Benjamin Rossiter, the civil war vet- LS, eran, has lived in Valley Forge sixtynine years. At Gettysburg a ball went clear through his body, but he is still a hale old man, with a good memory. He once knew, he says, a man of eightyone years who remembered when the Valley Forge gun mill was in operation. It stood on the Chester county side of Macleod, N. Reminiscences of a Valley Creek, and not a vestige of it Highland Parish; 9141 M. now remains. Flintlocks were made at the mill, and George Pawling has one of them, with the mill's name cut on the stock. Mr. Rossiter's brother, P. K. Rossiter, has a smooth bore rifle among his relies which was also made at the mill. Mr. Rossiter says that the flame of patriotism burned strong in Valley Forge breasts during the civil war, and that one hundred and thirty-three young men calisted. The woolen mill,

After the closing of the factories that had brought prosperity to Valley Forge ever to be a manufacturing center ground, and since a trolley line is to run through it, Valley Forge hopes yet The history of Vailey Forge, its rise to be a more flourishing place than it was in the past. All its inhabitants have collections of revolutionary relies, and the house where Washington's headquarters were is visited annu by eight thousand tourists .- Phil phia Record.

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to perfection, chiefly because they use liberal quantities of fine, excellent butgame, and never cook a quall without a wrapping of salt pork or bacon. There are also queer little touches of which the southern mammy is mistress, which make her first in the art of quail cookery. One quaint and delicious method, as interesting to watch as to enjoy upon the table, is practiced in a famous Norfolk restaurant. Each bird is wrapped in a slice of bacon, while a single oyster is used as a stuffing. The birds are then suspended before a clear, open fire, each on a string and are spun around constantly. The bacon thetvels up in the heat, and when disappears the birds are done, and are served on well-buttered tosst and

plates that have been before the fire. both of these last Items being quite as important as the cooking of the bird. It is always best to cook quall before or upon a hot, clear open fire which, however, people have not within reach in the north as a rule. A hot oven is the next approach to the open fire for roacting or baking the quall. Brolling

is the method most in favor. The birds are plucked, singed and with a damp towel. Season with sait. rub with warm butter and dredge with must ride, and carry the child, flour. Put the birds on a gridiron over

A MIGHTY BATTLE.

Mr. O'Halloran Describes an Engagement with Death in which the Grim Monster is Routed.

"So far as Oi'm able to notice," said norance. 'Johann Hoff's Malt Ixtract,' ir. O'Halloran, gently tamping the baccoin his pipe with his little finger, this world's in a state av war most av sistin' on havin' the bist, and thin be-Mr. O'Halloran, gently tamping the tobaccoinhispipe with his little finger, "this world's in a state av war most av the toime. Whin we're not foightin' nations we're foightin' indivijuals, and foightin' dith. And thot's the great foight, even in toimes av the most



"Oi niver thought av it till last summer. Oi got acquainted wid a riglar suarl av things last summer that Oi'd niver knowed before. One avthim wor a foine b'y-me son, that comes howlin' inty the boosam av me homeone ilegant ornin', and kicks paice out av one door and quoiet out av another, makin room for the happiness that wor waitin' disgustedly to git a chance. Ali-rah, sor, he wor the great kid, wid his little skin the color av a Buffalo Bill show, and his little hairs not showin' at all ixcipt boi not bein there at all, which wor ver-ry marked. He had black-smith bellies for lungs, and amammoth cave for a stomich, and taith—will, sor, hard luck from the start, and not half And that wor all very plisant.

troy. And that wor all very plisant."
"But Mary Illen—me woife—wor diffrunt. O'm thinkin' the bit av wiggles and kicks she'd given birth to had took more than his share av her strength, for she lays there on the bid for days, that whoite and thin 'twor only boi the ixercoise av the greatest care she worn't carried off wid the dirty clothes, and drowned in soap-sud 'Twor only a very foine touch, sor, tho could till where the shate lift off and she began. And the doctor says to me, 'Mister O'Halloran,' says he, 'tis a quistion whither she'll iver git up agin loive, says he. And Oi looks at the big hilthy b'y thot wor haverin' on the idge av bein' an orphan along wid me-silt, and Oi fales moighty sad."



WHAT? SAYS OF IN ME IGNORANCE.

"Mayloike you know what it isthat sinsation whin you stand bol and look at a little gir-rl that you niver how much you loved fadin away folke a spot av gasoline on a rag. "Tis diffrunt intoirely from other sadnesses, bein' much harder to inj'y; 'tis aven worse than dith, for dith laves a felly pothin' to do but make the hist av it. Di wor dispret.'

The doctor says to troy Hoff's Malt Ixtract. 'What?' says Oi in me ig-

Serve on buttered toast with parsley tightly nor yet so very loose." and jelly. With bacon the birds may be broiled by pinning them in the slices himself to abandon the queen, seeing which, of course, melt in the heat. Some like additional broiled bacon at his feet, and running with a last served with the birds, but the mere muster of her strength to a well near at suggestion is better.- New York Sun.

A CHINESE HEROINE.

The moral and intellectual standards of the Chinese are so different from ours that their popular characters are as likely to appear ridiculous in our own eyes as to loom sublime. When for instance, they accord memorial honors to a young woman who cuts slices are brought from the southern states in from her arms and added them to the October and through the winter, for medicine of an aged parent, in the hope some persons find a superior flavor in of imparting to him some of her own the birds raised in the Virginia fields youthful vigor, our sentiment of admiand forests. The quait is one of the ration is not unmixed with other feet-

Still, there are Chinese characters chose heroism we can admire. One of them-and a great favorite with Chinese historians and noets-is Queen MI, wife of the Emperor Liu.

During the rebeilion of Tsao a great battle was fought, the chroniclers reter to off-set the natural drypess of the late, in which the forces of the emperor became scattered, and his household dispersed. While the combat still raged Queen MI found herself alone, abandon d, cruelly wounded by an arrow, and tottering feebly through the bloody grass on her "three-inch-gold illies" compressed feet.) bearing in her arms the little A-tou, heir to the imperial line, She was not his own mother, but her naternal devotion was none the less perfect. Dragging herself painfully to a half-rulued but she crouched against the wall with the baby wrapped in her robe. Presently a horseman rode up and discovered her. He proved to be 'heo-izu-lung, a faithful general of the emperor. Prostrating himself at her feet, he begged her to mount his horse, with the child; he would fight on foot at their side, and endeavor to break through the enemy's lines to the loyal

army on the farther side. Ceremoniously bidding him rise, the grateful queen in her turn knelt, "not to her general, but to his loyalty," and assured him that she trusted him to rescue the heir, but that he must heave her to die. A warrior on foot, encumbered by drawn, split lengthwise and wiped a wounded woman as well as a baby. would be at a fatal disadvantage. He

clear fire and broil ten minutes. next your heart," she said, "not too Mention this paper. Madison Sources.

gins a greater battle in the oyes avone will manin' Oirishman than the battle that wor pulled off in Manily Bay. Mary Illen were near gone over to the inemy when the foight bogun. Oi gives her the first dose mesilf, holdin' up her swate hid on one av me ridicleous big arms, and stidyin' wid me other hand the glass that she wor holdin' in her thin, transparant fingers. She smoiled whin she laid down, and said 'twor good."

"Bliss the saints! Oi knowed 'twor

good whin the color begins to come back inty her chakes and the stringt to her poor wasted frame. And one mornin' she laughs out loud—the first toime since the kid's birthday, and Of knowed thin what Oi'd been missin' all thim years whin Oi'd heard her laugh and thought nothin' at all av it."
"Tworabeautiful foight old Johann
Hoff's made against the wakeness av

Mary Illen-and there be nothin' so strong as wakeness whin'tis fully divil loped. The veins ay her begins to fil-up wid blood agin, and the bones ay her, that sticks out loike the pigs av a hat rack, begins to cover wid soft wholte flish. And she's gittin' her fait outy the floor all av a sudden one day, and thin she's walkin' about.



'TWOULD'VE DONE YOUR HEART GOOD TO SEE MARY ILLEN.

and altogither 'tis the greatest thing that ever happened."
"Roight through the summer she wint wid that bustin' kid — right through floy-toime, and niver goes back a bit! And thin one day in the early winter Oi loses me timper over some troifle, and says a hard word for Johann Hoff's Malt Ixtract, which Oi'm not manin', hiven knows, for 'tis nothin' short av a louse thot'll run

down his bist frind."
"Will, 'twould 've done your heart good to see Mary Illen. There wor a sound in the air loike the rippin av a skirt. Twormoi shirt. There wor a succission as bumps and thumps, raichin' from the stove to the floor under the table. 'Twor me. Mary Illen beaithed a bit harder than she used to braithe whin 'twor all over. but that wer the only soign av wakeness in her; otherwise 'twor the rale old thing, hiven bliss it! And that kid sits on the floor, ewerin' and gurglin' and spittin' wid a deloight that wor gl-l-lor-r-rious to look at intoirely. Mary Illen has the bist disposition in the world, but she won't bear any thing sid agin Johann Hoff's, and Oi don't blame her, for naither will Oi mesilf."

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Then, indeed, the general took the baby as she had bidden him, and charging the enemy in a fury of grief and rage, broke through their lines, bore the heir in safety to his father, Liu, and told him and his guard the story of the queen's self-sacrifice.-From the Youth's Companion.



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